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INFORMATION ON AN  
INTERCONNECT**

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**AMENDMENT filed with REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION**

DEAR SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2002 and in conjunction with the attached Request for Continued Examination, please reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the amendments and remarks presented hereinafter.

**In the claims:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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Amended

1 (Twice Amended). A circuit for monitoring packet information including packet routing information put onto an interconnect by one or more modules, said circuit comprising:  
circuitry for determining if the information in a packet matches one or  
5 more conditions; and  
circuitry for preventing a module from putting further information